

Museum
Quarterly Report
October-December 2001

PERSONNEL

Kate Reed's position of Curatorial Registrar was eliminated due to budget cutbacks.

Bev Ingraham's temporary position ended on December 31.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

We had 13 donations in the past quarter.

TRAVEL

In state:

Kris Major: Caldwell, Eagle, Meridian, and Fruitland

Milan Kovach and Jody Ochoa: Twin Falls to meet with staff of the Twin Falls County Historical Society.

Audra Sims: Garden Valley to give Capitol outreach, October 23.

Out of State:

Kris Major: Baltimore, MD for meeting with the state coordinators of National History Day.

Milan Kovach: In October traveled to Gateway National Park in New York City for a 3 day Preservation Trades Workshop.

Audra Sims: Clarkston, WA, for Partners in Education Conference.

Events held at the Museum for -October to December-2001

October

2nd-Division of Human resources

2nd-Brown bag

9th-Brown bag-Ken Swanson-JCE collection

11th-St. Vincent de Paul-Stone soup supper

12th-AG all star recognition dinner

13th-Neighborhood Alliance

16th-EEE Inc.

November

3rd-BC/VD American Council Learned Societies

10th-Civil War volunteers- Adelman house

13th-Brown Bag- Rod Young

13th-Cornish College of Arts

15th-Nez Perce serenade songs

16-18- SHAM meeting

December

7th- Department of Commerce

8th- Book signing- A. Hart

11th-Brown Bag

18th-Civil War Volunteers – Adelman house

Upcoming events for the Museum-January to April-2002

January

8th-Brown Bag- Marilyn Shuler

9th-Id. Women's Charitable Foundation

19th- Lewis & Clark meeting- Keith Peterson

22nd-Awareness training

26th- Land Trust-

29th-Awareness training

February

2nd-Friends meeting-

12th-Brown Bag

15th-National Assoc. of Social Workers (college students studying social work

18th-Legislative reception

20th-Boise City Public works

March

12th-Slide show- S. Utah wilderness

12th-Brown Bag

April

9th-Brown Bag

19-21-Mini Les Boise-

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Personnel

There has been no change in personnel this quarter. Boise State University will provide a student intern to assist with the Idaho History Day program beginning in January when the second semester starts.

Budget

A \$7,000 grant from the Idaho Humanities Council was awarded to ISHS to help pay for the summer teachers institute in 2002. A \$1,000 cash award was also made by the Idaho Heritage Trust to help fund the same institute.

Program Updates

- *History Day*-A distance learning History Day workshop was held for teachers on November 3, 2001. Produced in partnership with the Utah History Fair it was broadcast from Logan, Utah to three sites in Idaho. A new publication including the regional contest dates and deadlines, an entry card, topic suggestions, and contact information was produced with the help of designer Will Spearman. It was distributed to all Idaho schools and former participants of the Idaho History Day program. Kris attended a November meeting of the executive committee of state coordinators to review, among other things, the financial condition of the national office. It was suggested that the fee each state pays to have students participate in the NHD program be raised from \$1600 a year to \$2000. Rather than increase the student participation fee again (which was just raised 50 per cent last year to \$75 for each student), the state coordinators opted to go this route since state fees have not changed in over fifteen years. A picture of Idaho students receiving the Governor's Trophy from Dirk Kempthorne has made its way into the NHD annual report and their latest newsletter. Raised exposure for our program nationwide.
- *Museum visitation*- The fall season of educational programs in the museum concluded the first week of December. A volunteer potluck was held at the Museum to recognize those who helped with the marionette theater. A separate evening event at the Old Pen in December was held to say thank you to all the Society volunteers for their help the past year. Refreshments and gifts were provided in the festively decorated auditorium.
- *Outreach*- The first Idaho History Distance Learning Workshop will take place January 31. Ken Swanson's talk on the military forts of southern Idaho will be broadcast to the College of Southern Idaho. Kris presented two programs on the "Chinese in Early Idaho" to teachers attending the Idaho Council for History Education conference in October. Kris also set up a display table at that conference where History Day information and the new educational brochures were distributed. Fred Fritchman, Ken Swanson, and Kris presented 45-minuted workshops on various topics concerning small museums/arts organizations to the pre-conference participants of *Arts Matter*, a workshop sponsored by the Idaho Commission of the Arts.
- *Summer Teachers' Institute*- As mentioned before, we received over \$7,000 from the IHC and \$1,000 from the IHT to put on the 2002 summer teacher's institute. The title of the institute is "Teaching with Historic Places: Using your Community as a Classroom". The SHPO office is working closely with the education department to put this class together. It will be held July 7-12, 2002 in Pocatello. Twenty elementary and secondary teachers will be chosen from a pool of applicants to attend. This institute will be held in addition to the two teacher workshops already planned and funded by the NEH in conjunction with the touring *Raices Historicas* exhibit from the Museum.
- *Miscellaneous*- A decorative arts group has volunteered their time and talent to paint historic-themed murals on the walls of the Museum's Prospector Room. Scenes of the Oregon Trail and the Lewis and Clark Trail will be depicted. Work should be done by late spring.

HISTORIC SITES

Rock Creek Station Store-

The floor is finished, but will wait for spring and availability of materials to finish the porch and chinking.

Old Pen

Milan is waiting for the final inspection on the horse barn.

Parking was re-arranged, due to increased traffic with BSU horticulture classes.

Milan is also waiting for water resources to define Old Pen historic site water allocation.

Milan sent Department of Transportation final project document on intentions. He is now waiting for their reply. Milan hired ZGA to do rehabilitation drawings and Plan-makers to do research and exhibit concepts.

Old Idaho Penitentiary State Historic Site

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Visitation-

This quarter the Old Idaho Penitentiary had 3,027 visitors. This is a 1.3% increase from the same quarter last year.

Education-

Nineteen school groups with a total of 907 students and chaperones participated in guided interpretive programs, this quarter.

Personnel-

In November, Jan Carr resigned her position as a weekend receptionist. Terese Meyer and Ray Smith were hired to replace her. The interpretive specialist position held by Sandy Thomas was eliminated due to budget cutbacks this December.

Volunteers-

This quarter thirteen volunteers donated 311 hours to the Old Pen. On November 10, 2001, Jim Howland passed away. Jim, who was a guard at the Old Pen in the 1950's, volunteered more than 4800 hours at the site.

STATE CAPITOL

Personnel:

No Changes this quarter

Volunteers:

Capitol has six active volunteers doing tours/research (interpretation). This quarter we had 73.5 volunteer hours.

Media:

The Statesman along with KIVI advertised the Holiday tour schedule.

Programs:

Audra gave one tour to BSU Policy and Ethics (Prof. Gonzales) class.

Terry Lowe gave presentation to reservation group regarding Capitol on October 8, CSHQA.

Special Events:

11/14-Brown Bag-"Revelations from the Rotunda"

11/29-Brown Bag-"Revelations from the Rotunda"

12/31- Audra gave two holiday tours about the Capitol.

Special requests:

Audra was asked to join the IHPC board of trustees, and has.

Kris Major also asked Audra to be a site host for the November 3rd History Day Learning broadcast from Logan, Ut.

Audra also assisted Steve Guerber at the SHAM reception on November 16, 2001.

Things you would like to brag about:

Steve Tate, DFM (statehouse) surplused a nice computer to Audra's office.

Regarding brown bag lectures for Capitol mall employees; Assistant Secretary of State

commented "been here 18 years and this is the most/best info I have gotten on the Capitol in all those years".

Community Support:

Governor's office asked for a Saturday tour for Humanitarian Bowl, Audra will coach the staff on 12/29.

IHPC- Alexander House education/interpretive meeting: Leadership Nampa (adult civic group) requested special program

First Lady asked the staff to help sell Capitol Christmas ornaments and work the tree lighting on December 6.

Tour Numbers:

October- 1,185

November- 540

December- 427

Total= 2,152

Miscellaneous:

Ongoing meetings with CSHQA about the space plan, post-restoration.

Ongoing display committee role - Exhibit transition at the Statehouse: Campaign Buttons case back and NASA objects out for preservation.

Ongoing work for the Distance Learning Outreach to teachers.

Begin planning for US Capitol traveling exhibit: research into Emma Edwards and first women Legislators.
Costume planning for third person interpretation.

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